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SUBJECT: US-USSR SPACE AGREEMENT (04)

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1. THIS MESSAGE REVIEWS PROPOSED CHANGES IN SPACE AGREEMENT TEXT. SEPTTEL BEING SENT WHICH REPEATS FULL TEXT INCORPORATING ALL CHANGES DISCUSSED BELOW AND REPLACING STATE 97668 AS BASIC REFERENCE. IF MFA HAS CHANGED OUR RUSSIAN VERSION, PLEASE REQUEST THAT THEIR TEXT BE CABLED URGENTLY IN RUSSIAN TO SOVIET EMBASSY HERE FOR FORWARDING TO DEPT.

2. FOLLOWING POINTS ON DRAFT AGREEMENT RESPOND TO MFA QUERIES CONVEYED REFTTEL:

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3. ORDER OF TEXT (PARAS 9 AND 10, STATE 97668): WE PREFER ORDER AS GIVEN STATE 97668 SINCE LISTING WOULD THEN TICK OFF SPECIFIC SPACE ITEMS FOLLOWED BY GENERAL AGREEMENT REFERENCE. REVERSAL IN OUR VERSION OF RUSSIAN TEXT WAS INADVERTENT.

4. REFERENCES TO 1971 AGREEMENT: US PROVIDED RUSSIAN DRAFT IS CORRECT VERSION, WITH REFERENCES IN PREAMBLE

AND ARTICLE 1. PREAMBLE AND ARTICLE 1 PROCEED FROM TWO DIFFERENT BASIC PROPOSITIONS: PREAMBLE HAS CONTEXT OF "ENCOURAGED BY PROGRESS..." IN PAST, WHILE ARTICLE 1 LOOKS FORWARD "...TO ENCOURAGE AND ACHIEVE FULFILLMENT..." WE THUS DO NOT SEE 1971 AGREEMENT REFERENCE IN BOTH PLACES AS BEING SIMPLY REPETITIVE. HOWEVER, EXCISION FROM PREAMBLE WOULD HAVE NO LEGAL EFFECT AND WE ARE QUITE WILLING TO DROP IT IF SOVIETS WISH.

5. SEARCH AND RESCUE: NOTING THAT ARTICLE 1 PROCEEDS FROM PHRASE "WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP COOPERATION," WE BELIEVE THAT INCLUSION PHRASE "SATELLITE SEARCH AND RESCUE" TO BE APPROPRIATE AND HELPFUL. THE RECENT PROTOCOL (PARA 4 REFTTEL) CONSTITUTED AN INITIAL STEP AS BASIS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION. WE SEE INCLUSION IN AGREEMENT AS AUTHORIZING PARTIES TO PURSUE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY IN THIS FIELD, WITHOUT OBLIGATING THEM TO DO SO OR PRECLUDING CHANGES EITHER SIDE MAY WISH TO MAKE IN DRAFT PROTOCOL OF MARCH 18.

6. CONFIRMATORY PHRASE (PARA 5 REFTTEL): OUR RUSSIAN DRAFT INCLUDED THIS PHRASE AND IT WAS PROBABLY DROPPED BY SOVIET EMBASSY TO SAVE TRANSMITTAL WORK. WE ASSUME INCLUSION OF STANDARD LANGUAGE ON 1972 AGREEMENT MODEL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. AS FOR US INITIATED CHANGES, STATE 103051 PARA 4 PROVIDED CORRECTION TO PARA 14 STATE 97668. THIS REFERENCE SHOULD BE FURTHER CHANGED TO CONFORM EXACTLY TO AGREEMENT TITLE AS FOLLOWS "...AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AND THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ON COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF MANNED SPACE FLIGHT..."

8. ALSO AS NOTED IN PARA 3 STATE 105664, WE PROPOSE TO HANDLE ARTICLE 1 REFERENCE TO (FINAL PHRASE, PARA

12, STATE 97668) BY USING "PERIODICALLY RENEWED" VICE "NOW IN SECOND PERIOD OF EXTENSION."

9. MOSCOW 6521 JUST RECEIVED AND WE WILL RESPOND ASAP. FOREGOING AND SEPTTEL TEXT DO NOT TAKE 6521 INTO ACCOUNT, ALTHOUGH ON FIRST READING WE SEE NO MAJOR PROBLEM. CHRISTOPHER

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